Naxalite activities in Karnataka

905. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that naxalites have started their activities in Karnataka especially Chikmangalur, South Kanara, Udippi and North Kanara districts; and

(b) how Government proposes to stop these activities before it gets firmly entrenched in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) In 2007, till 31-10-2007, 6 incidents of naxalite violence have been reported in Karnataka. In 2006, 10 incidents had been reported from areas falling in 6 police stations, out of a total number of 805 police stations in the State.

The concerned State Governments undertake necessary action in respect of naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by various means, which include sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-state coordination and assistance in development works.

1 India Reserve battalion has been sanctioned to Karnataka. The State Government has also formed a dedicated anti-naxalite force consisting of 540 personnel.

Updating of NRC in Assam

906. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the updating of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will make a proposal on the modalities for updating NRC under the citizenship Act and rules 2003 as well as a proposal in regard to the modalities for determination of citizenship as per the stipulation of the said rules so that if necessary the relevant Act and rules can be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) The Government of Assam has reported that preliminary works for updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC), 1951 have been started. The data entry of the available electoral rolls upto 1971 and the NRC as available has also been taken up. The State Government has been advised to work out the modalities in this regard.

Tense situation in villages along Assam-Nagaland border

907. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation continues to be tense in the villages along the Assam-Nagaland border under Jorhat district of Assam;

(b) what steps have been taken for the protection of the lives and property of the residents of border villages; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resolve the border disputes between Assam and Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government of Assam has informed that at present there is no tension in the Assam-Nagaland border villages under Jorhat district. Precautionary measures have been taken by the State Government to avoid any untoward incident. These *inter alia* include Border out Posts personnel are keeping strict vigil upon the situation, regular patrolling in bordering areas including frequent visits by District Police and Magistrates. Besides, joint meetings of both the State Governments are held from time to time at the level of Chief Secretary, Commissioner of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Border Magistrates and at Deputy Inspector General level for protection of lives and properties of the border villages. In order to maintain peace and *status quo* in the Disputed Area Belt (DAB), Central Reserve Police Forces is deployed in some of the areas as neutral force.

(c) The Government of Assam has filed an Original Suit No. 2 of 1988 in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for demarcation of boundaries between the states of Assam and Nagaland. A Local Commission has been appointed by the Supreme Court of India for identification of boundaries of States of Assam-Nagaland.

Increase in atrocities against women

908. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities against women have increased in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent atrocities against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per statistics complied by the National Crime Records Bureau, a total number of 154333, 155553 & 164765 cases of crime against women were reported in the country during 2004 to 2006 respectively thereby showing an increasing trend.

(b) State/UT-wise details of cases registered, cases charge-sheeted, cases convicted, person arrested, person charge-sheeted and persons convicted for crime against women during 2004 to 2006 are give in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. Hence the primary responsibility of prevention, detention, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crime against women lies with the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has from time-to-time being issuing advisories to all the state Governments/Union Territory Administrations, requesting them to give more focused attention on improving the administration of criminal justice system, with a view to ensuring prevention of atrocities against women.